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DISB CONSUMER ALERT

Beware of Spam Email from “An Easy Retirement Investment.”

The District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB) is warning residents to be on guard against a spam email being circulated by Dylan Hudson, purportedly representing a business entity named An Easy Retirement.

You may receive an email from hudson@aneasyretirement.com stating:

Each year, as an employee of Washington, DC you are eligible to schedule a phone call or teleconference meeting with a representative for answers to your specific state, federal and individual retirement benefit questions.

At your consultation, you will be provided with information that will tell you what your potential income can be when you retire, and how much longer you may have to work. That, along with advice on the best ways to utilize your 457 options with your state retirement and/or Social Security benefits.

Please be sure to indicate which type of appointment you prefer (phone call or teleconference) in the notes section while scheduling. Please also include your direct cell phone number. Appointments fill up quickly. If you'd like to secure your spot, click on the link below, or simply reply “yes” to this email. Click Here. This meeting is held with a professional for the purposes of education and planning. Representatives are duly licensed by the State Department of Insurance. They are not affiliated with Washington, DC.

The entity is not located in the District of Columbia and is not licensed to conduct any investment advisory business in the District of Columbia.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE SPAM EMAIL

- Delete the email immediately.
- Do not click on the link or reply to the email.
- Block the sender by right-clicking the email, selecting junk, and then blocking the sender.
- Never provide anyone whom you do not know or trust your personal identification.
- Do not entertain phone conversations with sales representatives of investment companies you do not know or trust.

REPORT FRAUD

If you believe you have been the victim of an investment scam or of any other financial fraud, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at reportfraud.ftc.gov to file a report or call the FTC's Consumer Response Center at 877-382-4357. You may also get in touch with the DISB Enforcement and Consumer Protection Division at 202-727-8000.

DISB Mission

Our mission is three-fold: (1) cultivate a regulatory environment that protects consumers and attracts and retains financial services firms to the District; (2) empower and educate residents and (3) support the development and expansion of business.

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